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Allen Highlights District Products in Senate

Provides items from businesses in the 37th District to his colleagues in honor of the passage of his first Senate bill

LANSING – Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today presented members of the Michigan State Senate with gifts bags filled with items made by businesses of the 37th District in honor of the passage of his first senate bill by the Michigan State Senate.

“The 37th Senate District is the home of some of Michigan’s most delicious and widely recognized products and foods,” Allen said. “It is an honor to share a taste of the talent and entrepreneurship of northern Michigan with my colleagues in celebration of the passage of my first Senate Bill.”

The gift bags were presented in honor of a long-standing tradition in the Michigan State Senate to celebrate the passage of a member’s first bill by treating colleagues to gifts, usually a food product unique to their respective senate districts.

Allen presented gift bags to his colleagues filled with:

- Dried cherries and apple juice from Cherry Growers of Grawn and the Cherry Marketing Institute;
- Cherry pie filling from Burnette Foods in Elk Rapids;
- Peanut brittle from the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island;
- Fudge from Ryba’s Fudge Shops on Mackinac Island;
- Giant scrub brushes from Laitner Brush Company in Traverse City;
- Tissue products from Great Lakes Tissue in Cheboygan;
- Russet potatoes from Styra Potato Farms in Posen and the MSU Extension in Rogers City;
- Koezes and cookbooks from the Posen Chamber of Commerce;
- Maple syrup from Besteman Maple Syrup in Rudyard; and
- Smoked fish dip from Cross Fisheries in Charlevoix.

Senator Allen’s first bill to pass the Senate was Senate Bill 130. The bill would alleviate some of the confusion in the property tax code by replacing references to the “homestead” exemption with the phrase “principal residence.”

Note: Downloadable photographs of Senator Allen presented gift bags of products made in the 37th Senate District are available on the Senate Majority Photowire, <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/>.